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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BARNETT ET AL.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 January 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18 and 19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/CDC)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 filed January 19, 2009 is sufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 1-19 based upon Barnett et al U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0081339.

Upon further consideration, a new grounds of rejection is made in view of Lacombe U.S. Patent No. 6,496,317.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 18 recites "providing current pulses cooperable for individually defining a positive edge and a negative edge of the write current", which renders the claim indefinite since the terms "cooperable" and "individually" contradict each other. Examiner cannot determine whether the current pulses cooperatively or individually define the edges of the write current. Claim 18 further recites "differentially and individually varying respective amplitudes and durations", which renders the claim indefinite since the terms "differentially" and "individually" contradict each other. Examiner cannot determine whether the amplitudes and durations are varied differentially or individually. Claim 19 is rejected by virtue of its dependency on claim 18.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lacombe U.S. Patent No. 6,496,317.

Regarding claim 18, Lacombe discloses a method of providing a write current to an inductive head element in a disk drive system, comprising providing current pulses cooperable for individually defining a positive edge and a negative edge (e.g., signals WHX and WHY) of the write current, differentially and individually varying respective amplitudes (defined by WHX and WHY) and durations of the positive edge current pulse and negative edge current pulse for counteracting induced imbalances in the write current (column 3, lines 21-25 and column 7, lines 10-17 and 27-37).

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1-17 are allowed.
7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1-17, claims 1 and 10 disclose a write driver comprising a circuit coupled with a head driver circuit and adapted to selectively provide first pulsing signals which individually define overshoot amplitudes of the positive write edge and the negative write edge respectively of the write current signal and second pulsing signals which individually define

overshoot duration of the positive write edge and the negative write edge respectively of the write current signal, which is neither disclosed or an obvious variation of the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Prior Art

The following references are cited as of interest for disclosure of write drive circuits having pulsing signals for controlling write current overshoot:

Barnett et al U.S. Patent No. 7,035,27

Van Eaton et al U.S. Patent No. 7,372,649.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniell L. Negrón whose telephone number is (571)272-7559. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:30am-5:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph H. Feild can be reached on (571) 272-4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 2627
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